



PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES October 17, 2013

I. CALL TO ORDER –

Supervisor Ken Fletcher called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Members Present: Supervisor Ken Fletcher, Clerk Mary Clark and Karen Mojica

Staff Present: Township Manager Richard Watkins and Chief John Clark

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

III. SET/ADJUST AGENDA –

Clerk Clark moved that the agenda be approved as presented. Karen Mojica supported. All agreed. Motion carried.

IV. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION –

1. Fire Code Update/Proposed Ordinance Change, Chief Clark –

Chief Clark provided an overview with explanation of all the proposed ordinance changes, which included the following items:

- Section 2, 109.1 **Unlawful Acts:** Addition - It shall be unlawful to reset an active fire alarm prior to the arrival of the fire department. Such acts shall be punishable up to a misdemeanor as required by this code.
- Section 2, 109.3.1 **Service:** Addition - It shall be acceptable for the notice to be sent electronically via email and shall serve as satisfying this section of the code.
- Section 2, 302.1 **Burning Barrel Fire:** Addition – definition of burning barrel updated.
- Section 2, 307.6.1 **Open Burning of Yard Waste:** Addition - The burning of yard waste shall **only** (the word only was added) be permitted in areas zoned A-1 or A-2 anytime during the calendar year with a permit.
- 307.6.4 **Burning Barrel Fires:** Burning barrel fires may be permitted in areas zoned A-1 or A-2 any time during the calendar and may only be used between sunrise and sunset. This rule was in the burning regulations, but was not in the actual ordinance so was added so that they both aligned with each other.

- 906.3 **Size and distribution:** Exceptions - Occupancy classifications Group A divisions 1—5; Group B; Group M and Group R divisions 1—4 shall be as follows:
 - Portable fire extinguisher(s) in occupancies not equipped with automatic fire protection systems shall have a minimum rating of 4A-60BC **(10 pound multi-purpose)*** with the maximum travel distance not to exceed 50 feet in any direction to an extinguisher.
 - Portable fire extinguisher(s) in occupancies equipped with automatic fire protection systems shall have a minimum rating of 4A-60BC **(10 pound multi-purpose)***

*This was added as helpful information only.
- 907.3.1 **Duct Smoke Detectors:** Amended - **Duct smoke detectors connected to the fire alarm control shall be a “smart” type detector capable of sending condition information and being reset from to fire alarm panel. Detectors shall, upon activation, perform the intended function and activate the alarm notification appliances or activate a visible and audible full alarm** signal at a constantly attended location and shall perform the intended fire safety function in accordance with this code and the International Mechanical Code. Per Chief Clark this change was made to provide contractors the rules of the game.
- 907.6.5 **Monitoring:** Addition - An IP transmitter for fire alarm transmission is allowed but must be UL Standard listed. Any IP transmitters must have two modes of communication, one of which must be a POTS (Plain Old Telephone System) line. This is a money saver for businesses and provides them options per Chief Clark.
- 1006.1 **Illumination Required:** Addition - The emergency egress lighting shall be tested in dark conditions and witnessed by the Delta Township Electrical Inspector and/or the Fire code Official.

Chief Clark also provided an overview of the Supplemental Rules & Regulations changes, which included the following items:

- Permits
- Tents
- Yard Waste
- Recreational Fires
- Open Burning
- Emergency Egress Lighting
- Key Boxes - Mary Clark also asked if the Township has ever considered offering knox boxes to residents. A discussion followed and it was decided that this subject be a future agenda item for the Committee.

Mary Clark pointed out that 505.1 is grammatically incorrect. Tenant spaces that are individually address (s/b addressed) shall display their address on the front of the building and the rear service door.

The Committee members all agreed to go forward with the changes to the Board for adoption.

2. Eaton County Sheriff's Department Contract Update, Manager Watkins –

Richard Watkins provided an overview of the proposed contract, which included:

- Current 32 officers to 35
- Weaving the Weigh Master into the agreement
- Process timeframe of 2-3 months
- Expiration date of October 1, 2014

3. Update on the LGRFA Contract, Manager Watkins –

Richard Watkins provided an update on the proposed LGRFA contract, which included the following items:

- Revenues of \$142,000
- LGRFA savings of well over 20%
- LGRFA requesting a reduction in service costs
- Increases in the Townships costs
- Negotiations taking place with regard to the step increases and financial issues
- LGRFA building maintenance

4. Other Business –

Richard Watkins also provided an update on the renovations currently being done to the Delta Township Sheriff's substation.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m.